

**Minutes of Strathard CC meeting held in Kinlochard Village Hall
on Nov 5th 2015 at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** M Colquhoun, J Quinn, A Goulancourt, C Smith, R Dingwall, F McEwan, Cllr. F. Wood.
2. **Apologies:** Stuart Stephen, G Short, Toto McLellan, Police Scotland
3. **Minutes:** Query to clarify Planning: Inversnaid Hotel - ramp approved. Change sponsor of electric chargers to Transport Scotland. FC access tracks are at slate quarry. Proposed M Colquhoun, seconded Colin Smith.
4. **Matters arising:** Forest operations trip with John Hair, Forestry Commission: 2/3 people are interested but queried if could be put off for a week or so. [FM]
Discussion re roads - further query regarding progress with SC regarding notification of closures. Most issues were covered at previous meetings and the 2016 schedule of planned works will be circulated widely as previously once received, and appropriate action taken. CC reviewed the responses received from Stirling Council and is satisfied with Roads Service method of working bearing in mind the reasons for this. The main issue is to make sure we discuss timings when the schedule is published.
5. **Correspondence:**
SNH magazine, article on Great Trossachs Forest
Community Health Partnership newsletter
Community partnership AGM, Gartmore Hall Sat 7th November.
Local resident; regarding the BT outage with no warning of apparently planned work; he hoped to get communication circulated via the Stirling Council website. This was not possible. Proposed we contact Kippen re. how to cope with Openreach. A similar Aberfoyle group should be considered.
Road closure notification: B829 23rd November for one week. Near A81 at Strathblane w/c 9th November to be further checked.
Bus and DRT cutback survey online to be publicised.
Consultations on PBB just announced. Balfron is closest.
Community Pride Fund deadlines announced.
Footway parking consultation.
Flood group invitation to meet prior to public meeting.
6. **Reports:**
Councillor report: Strathard CC currently needs to submit minutes and accounts information to the Council as soon as possible in order to be able to claim grants. It was confirmed that the Council officer had already been made aware of the resource issues which had prevented everything being updated on time. Since we have not had a Minute secretary we would not be applying for that funding. Suggestions for temporary replacement are being investigated.
Trees overhanging road at Drumlean reported to Council.
Road lining scheduled between village and school. Cllr. Wood will try to get car park 'give way' signage added.
PBB: Bin collections should stay as now. Problem is off-road collections. It was

asked if local people could help to get bins to roads. Music and PE teaching are under threat again. The suggestion is to train class teachers to teach them. Social services will also suffer cuts. Request to Cllr. Wood to try and get priority for road repairs changed so that B829 gets surfaced.

Report given re field next to Fairy Hill where illegal dumping is taking place. SEPA is the responsible body and had been informed.

Police Report: Minor car collision. Trossachs and Teith area now has two dedicated officers; PCs Deans and McKerracher

Broadband: Cable to Forest Hills has hit a hold up of some kind. It needs a policy decision to allow progress. Using the water line to carry the cable was apparently one solution that might be investigated.

National Park: The new community representative is Billy Ronald , Crianlarich. It is hoped that the new camping regulations would be passed soon.

7. Meetings attended:

FC meeting at Loch Katrine (AG/FM). Deer cull figures not as many as last year. Goats - none to be culled in that area. Clarification to be sought on figures for culling and population for both deer and goats, including goats shot near Achray, believed to be 35.

8. Planning:

Approved - Hill Cottage, Aberfoyle, house extension.

New – no further action required

Bank of Scotland cash machine to be moved.

Access ramps at Duchray, Forestry Commission.

Corrienessan Gardens - extension and decking.

Access issues, illegal extensions etc at Drumlean Estate. Enforcement officers are investigating.

9. Finances:

No financial activity

10. AOCB:

Senior Citizens Christmas dinner, 7th Dec. at Forest Hills. Lists for those to be invited will be sent out soon.

Discussion re admin grant. No increase for many years and expenses incurred for rural cc's if outside meetings attended were not covered by the grant.

11. Date of Next Meeting: 3rd December, 7.30pm, Kinlochard Village Hall.